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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **160**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS."

1 Strike lines 1 to 80, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
4 "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;
5 "department" means the Department of Public Health; "healthcare
6 associated infection" means any localized or systemic condition
7 resulting from an adverse reaction to the presence of an infectious
8 agent or its toxin that (1) occurs in a patient in a healthcare setting, (2)
9 was not found to be present or incubating at the time of admission
10 unless the infection was related to a previous admission to the same
11 health care setting, and (3) if the setting is a hospital, meets the criteria
12 for a specific infection site, as defined by the National Centers for
13 Disease Control; and "hospital" means a hospital licensed under
14 chapter 368v of the general statutes.

15 (b) There is established a Committee on Healthcare Associated
16 Infections, which shall consist of the commissioner or the
17 commissioner's designee, and the following members appointed by the
18 commissioner: Two members representing the Connecticut Hospital
19 Association; two members from organizations representing health care
20 consumers; two members who are either hospital-based infectious
21 disease specialists or epidemiologists with demonstrated knowledge
22 and competence in infectious disease related issues; one representative
23 of the Connecticut State Medical Society; one representative of a labor
24 organization representing hospital based nurses; and two public
25 members. All appointments to the committee shall be made no later
26 than August 1, 2006, and the committee shall convene its first meeting
27 no later than September 1, 2006.

28 (c) On or before April 1, 2007, the Committee on Healthcare
29 Associated Infections shall:

30 (1) Advise the department with respect to the development,
31 implementation, operation and monitoring of a mandatory reporting
32 system for healthcare associated infections;

33 (2) Identify, evaluate and recommend to the department
34 appropriate standardized measures, including aggregate and facility
35 specific reporting measures for healthcare associated infections and
36 processes designed to prevent healthcare associated infections. Each
37 such recommended measure shall, to the extent applicable to the type
38 of measure being considered, be (A) capable of being validated, (B)
39 based upon nationally recognized and recommended standards, to the
40 extent such standards exist, (C) based upon competent and reliable
41 scientific evidence, (D) protective of practitioner information and
42 information concerning individual patients, and (E) capable of being
43 used and easily understood by consumers; and

44 (3) Identify, evaluate and recommend to the Department of Public
45 Health appropriate methods for increasing public awareness about
46 effective measures to reduce the spread of infections in communities

47 and in hospital settings and any other healthcare settings deemed
48 appropriate by the department.

49 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2007,
50 the Department of Public Health shall, within available appropriations,
51 implement the recommendations of the Committee on Healthcare
52 Associated Infections established pursuant to section 1 of this act, with
53 respect to the establishment of a mandatory reporting system for
54 healthcare associated infections and appropriate standardized
55 measures for the reporting of data related to healthcare associated
56 infections.

57 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before October 1,
58 2007, the Department of Public Health shall submit a report to the joint
59 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
60 matters relating to public health concerning the plan for implementing
61 the mandatory reporting system for healthcare associated infections
62 recommended by the Committee on Healthcare Associated Infections
63 pursuant to section 1 of this act, and the status of such implementation,
64 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
65 statutes.

66 (b) On or before October 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the
67 department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the
68 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
69 health on the information collected by the department pursuant to the
70 mandatory reporting system for healthcare associated infections
71 established under section 2 of this act, in accordance with the
72 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall be
73 posted on the department's Internet web site and made available to the
74 public."